

REMARKS

***1. Interview Summary***

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview held October 11, 2007. During this interview, various amendments to the claims were discussed. It was proposed to amend the claims to recite that the plurality of flags being used to comprise the healing field are a specific type, namely patriotic. As such, independent claims 1 and 19, as well as various dependent claims, were amended to recite a “plurality of patriotic flags.” It was agreed that this amendment would overcome the cited prior art.

***2. Claim Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being based upon public use and knowledge of the invention.

In response, applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 19, as agreed upon by the Examiner, to recite that the plurality of flags used to comprise and makeup the healing field comprise a plurality of patriotic flags.

The cited prior art Exhibit U does not disclose the step of providing a plurality of patriotic flags, nor does it disclose a plurality of patriotic flags being used to comprise a healing field. As such, applicant submits that the present invention, as claimed, was not in public use prior to Applicant’s earliest filing date, nor was it known to the public prior to this date.

Dependent claims 2-18 place further limitations on what is otherwise allowable subject matter, as argued above. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims stand in a condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited prior art does not anticipate any of the claims of the present invention. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the deficiencies in the application have been corrected and that the proposed claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art references cited by the Examiner. As such, Applicant believes that the application is now in a condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

If any impediments to the allowance of this application for patent remain after the above amendments and remarks are entered, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney of record.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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Respectfully submitted,

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